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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43*bis*.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

## 2. FURTHER ACTION

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1. Statement

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|-------------------------------|--------|-----|-----|
| Novelty (N)                   | Claims | 8   | YES |
|                               | Claims | 1-7 | NO  |
| Inventive step (IS)           | Claims | 8   | YES |
|                               | Claims | 1-7 | NO  |
| Industrial applicability (IA) | Claims | 1-8 | YES |
|                               | Claims |     | NO  |

2. Citations and explanations:

see supplementary page